

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Withdrawn) A composition comprising the following components (A) and (B):

(A) at least one compound selected from the group consisting of caffeic acid or an ester or salt thereof, chlorogenic acid or an ester or salt thereof, and ferulic acid or an ester or salt thereof; and

(B) a component selected from the group consisting of one or more central nervous system stimulating component(s), food fiber(s), extract(s) of perennial evergreen leaves of the genus *Camillia*, *Theaceae*, or *Ecuommia ulmoides* Oliver, *Eucommiae*, organic acid(s) having a molecular weight of 60 to 300 and pharmaceutically acceptable salt(s) thereof, and sugar alcohol(s).

2. (Withdrawn) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the component (B) comprises one or more heat component(s) of ginger, red pepper or pepper.

3. (Withdrawn) The composition of Claim 1 wherein the component (B) is selected from the group consisting of one or more fermented product(s) of grains, fruit juice(s) and extract(s) thereof.

4. (Withdrawn) A food comprising the composition of Claim 1.

5. (Withdrawn) A drink comprising the composition of Claim 1.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for treating hypertension comprising:
administering a composition comprising:

(A) an isolated compound selected from the group consisting of caffeic acid or an ester or salt thereof, chlorogenic acid or an ester or salt thereof, and ferulic acid or an ester or salt thereof; and

(B)→ one or more components selected from the group consisting of central nervous system stimulating component(s), food fiber(s), extract(s) of perennial evergreen leaves of the genus *Camillia*, *Theaceae*, or *Ecuommia ulmoides* Oliver, *Eucommiae*, organic acid(s)

having a molecular weight of 60 to 300 and pharmaceutically acceptable salt(s) thereof, and sugar alcohol(s), wherein said central nervous system stimulating component(s) is at least one isolated heat component of Zingiberaceae, Capsicum or Piperaceae.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 6, wherein (A) is isolated chlorogenic acid or an ester or salt thereof.

8. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 6, wherein (A) is ferulic acid or an ester or salt thereof.

9. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 6, wherein (A) is caffeic acid or an ester or salt thereof.

10-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A method for treating hypertension comprising:

administering a composition comprising:

(A) ~~at least one compound selected from the group consisting of caffeic acid or an ester of salt thereof, isolated~~ chlorogenic acid or an ester of salt thereof, ~~and ferulic acid or an ester of salt thereof; and~~

(B) at least one component selected from the group consisting of a central nervous system stimulating component, ~~food fiber, extract of perennial evergreen leaves of the genus Camellia, extract of perennial evergreen leaves of the genus Theaceae, extract of perennial evergreen leaves of the genus Eucommia ulmoides Oliver, Eucommiae, and a sugar alcohol,~~ wherein said central nervous system stimulating component(s) is at least one isolated heat component of Zingiberaceae, Capsicum or Piperaceae.

21. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein component (B) is at least one isolated heat component of ginger.

22. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein component (B) comprises isolated cinerol.

23. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein component (B) comprises isolated zingerone.
24. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein component (B) comprises isolated zingerol.
25. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein component (B) comprises isolated shogaol.
26. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein component (B) is at least one isolated heat component of red pepper.
27. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein component (b) comprises capsaicin.
28. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein component (b) comprises an isolated heat component of pepper.
29. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein component (b) comprises isolated piperine.